account the technical advancements as well as to make the same comprehensive, practical and legally sound and also to carry out periodic inspections of mines to oversee compliance of safety laws. Each and every accident involving a fatality is enquired into by an officer of the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

Besides the legislative measures, Government is also taking promotional initiatives which inter-alia, include:—

1. Organisation of conference on safety in Mines.
2. National Safety Awards.
3. Vocational Training.
4. Observance of Safety Weeks, campaigns etc.
5. Holding of First Aid and Rescue Competition.
6. Participation of workers in safety management.
7. Self Regulation by management.
8. Imparting of training to the inspecting staff in advanced countries to update their functional capabilities.

Unemployment Problem

†2117. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around seven and half crore people are unemployed in the country at present while only one fourth of them are registered in employment exchanges; and

(b) if so, whether Government's policy of economic liberalisation is proving to be a curse for these unemployed people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.